



# UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450  
www.uspto.gov

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
10/731,351	12/09/2003	Koichiro Yomogida	5616-0080	3554

7590 06/02/2004

McCormick, Paulding & Huber, LLP  
185 Asylum Street  
CityPlace II  
Hartford, CT 06103-3402

EXAMINER

GIMIE, MAHMOUD

ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER

3747

DATE MAILED: 06/02/2004

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****U.S. Patent and Trademark Office**

Address: COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

APPLICATION NO./ CONTROL NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR / PATENT IN REEXAMINATION	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.
---------------------------------	-------------	---	---------------------

EXAMINER
----------

ART UNIT	PAPER
----------	-------

05282004

DATE MAILED:

Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Commissioner for Patents

Preliminary Amendment faxed on 5/12/2004 was received after the mailing date of the first Office Action on 5/11/04. Therefore, it will not be entered separately and a timely reply to the above stated first office action will be as of the above mailing date. It is suggested that applicant incorporate the content of the preliminary amendment in the reply to the first Office Action.

M Gimie, Primary Examiner

**MAHMOUD GIMIE**  
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER  
ART UNIT 3747